mine of the TISCO. It is not in the public sector. Central Government does not, therefore, directly come into the picture in this regard.

Accordingly to our information, altogether 108. 91 acres of Raiyyati land has been recently acquired by West Bokaro Colliery under the Land Acquisition Act for mining and allied purposes. Of the above land, only 23. 57 acres belong to the tribal families, numbering 5 in all. The compensation for the acquired land has been paid at the following rates: —

A. Dhan (Paddy) Land:

(i) Dhan-I.	Rs. 20, 455/- per ecre
(ii) Dhan-U	• Rs. 12, 784/-per acre
(Hi) Dhan-Ill	Rs. 1 0, 228/- per acre

B. Tand (Upper) L and:

(i) Tand-I •	• Rs. 20, 455/- per acre
(ii) Tand-I I	• Rs. 5, 114/- per acre
(iii) Tand-I I i	• Rs. 1, 278/-per acre

Compensation for the acquired land is usually paid on the basis of the market value at the time of acquisition of the concerned land. Since the land was acquired under the Land Acquisition Act, through the aegis of the State Government, it is presumed that adequate compensation, as provided under the Act, must have been paid to the tribal families. However, if any injustice has been done to the tribal land owners in the process of acquisition of their lands, remedial action will have to be taken through appropriate administrative or legal action for which the State Government has been addressed.

Measures to increase PLF by DESU

*126. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to meet the growing demand of power, the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking has initiated a number of measures to increase its plant load factor:

, (b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

I (e) to what extent the crisis of power in the Capital is likely to be resolved thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) There is no power crisis in Delhi. The measures taken to meet the growing demand of power in Delhi include augmentation of DESU's own generation. A programme to renovate the units at the Indraprastha thermal station is also under implementation. The plant load factor of the station has increased from 50. 2% in 1983-84 to 67. 2% in 1986-87. The growing demand for power in Delhi will also be met from increased supply from the Badarpur thermal station and DESU's share in the new capacity to be added in the Central sector in the Northern Region. Assistance to the extent possible will also be provided to DESU from the Northern grid.

Wages paid to women worker employed by KVIC

128. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the women employed directly by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) are not guaranteed the minimum wages paid to unskilled workers;

(b) if so. whether it is in accordance with the Government's policy or is attributable to the manipulations of the management of KVIC;

(c) whether Government propose to initiate criminal prosecutions against the erring personnel; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The Khadi & Village Industries Commission extends only financial, technical and marketing support to the State Khadi &

Industries* Boards, registered institutions etc. which are implementing the Khadi and Village industries Programmes, The regular employees of the KVIC including men and women receive their monthly salaries as per the pay scales prescribed by the Commission from time to. time. Therefore, there is no question of women employed directly by the KVIC not getting guaranteed minimum wages. If the intention of the question is to elicit information about the remuneration paid to the women workers engaged in the Khadi & Village Industries, it may be stated that employment in Khadi & Village Industries sector as a whole insofar as the production activities are concerned is mostly self-employment. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission has prescribed a system of payment of wages on a piece rate basis for adoption by the Khadi Institutions and departmental units producing khadi. For this purpose, the Commission has evolved a detailed cost chart for estimating the quantum of remuneration for each type of activity taking into account the cost of inputs, the quality of the product, count of yarn, design and even the type of equipment used by the artisans. This cost chart is being reviewed from time to time. The wage structure is uniform for men and women and there is no discrimination.

In the case of village industries, women employment is significant in a few industries such as processing of cereals and pulses including papad making, cottage match, palm gur, collection of non-edible oil seeds, village pottery, fibre, collection of forest and medicinal plants, gums and resins, bamboo and cane works, agarbati making etc. The remuneration paid by the village industries institutions which are mostly in the cooperative sector is not uniform because of the heterogenity of the- village industries products and differences in technologies adopted by them.

Environmental effects of the Toxic Gas in Bhopal

*129. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether scientific studies are being carried out on the long term environmental effects of the toxic gas that leaked from the Union Carbide Plant in Bhopal;

(b) if so. what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto and what steps are being taken to minimise the effects of the toxic gas ?

TME MINISTER OF STATE IN THB DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Scientific Commission has been set up for making studies on the effects of Bhopal Gas Leakage on Life Systems. The work of the Commission is continuing.

Alleged bunglings in CCL

* 1 30. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about bunglings in CCL worth crores of rupees, as reported in the Aryavart (a Hindi daily of Patna) of the 6th September, 1987;

(b) whether these bunglings pertain to I. away and other mines; and

(c) what are the details of the bunglings and who arc the persons involved in it and what steps are being taken in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Aryavarta of the 6th September, 1987. The alleged bunglings pertain to Lapanga and Central Saunda Collieries of CCL.

(c) CBI has taken up two cases for investigation against 5 officials of the CCL